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Re: Comments re: Reporting Emissions from Co-processing of Biogenic Feedstocks in Petroleum Refineries in MRR webinar (September 19, 2020)

Mr. Sleiman and Mr. Patel,

Given the growth in Co-processing activity and bp's ambition to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner, we take great interest in the development of regulatory incentives that may encourage participation in Co-processing of bio-genic feedstocks. We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments relative to Reporting Emissions from Co-processing of Biogenic Feedstocks in Petroleum Refineries.

 More information on common monitoring practices in refining industry during Coprocessing

bp has chosen to employ ¹⁴C testing methodology for co-processed renewable diesel at our Cherry Point, Washington refinery. Having chosen ¹⁴C methodology we also recognize that this may not be suitable across the spectrum of potential Co-Processing applications. As such, options beyond ¹⁴C, for example mass balancing, should be available in the monitoring toolkit.

 Should CARB explore methods to report biogenic emissions from finished fuels only? Or also process and combustion emissions?

bp believes that reporting methods should be explored if a facility can take credit from being able to demonstrate and quantify biogenic components of process and combustion emissions, while safeguarding against double counting.

• If ¹⁴C testing is used for finished fuels, at what frequency should that be done? What inputs would need to be included to demonstrate normal operations?

We would recommend that CARB mirror LCFS pathway parameters whenever it makes sense to do so. We would also recommend that CARB incorporate a broader range of renewable fuels that may result from Co-processing and that will require emission factors.

 Should CARB accept alternate methodologies for GHG quantification from different unit types such as FCC and hydrotreaters? As described in the first bullet above, bp supports this approach in order that peer reviewed CARB endorsed options can be available.

 How could measurement accuracy be assured when a refinery project shares metering with other equipment or process units/inputs?

bp believes that sharing of meters should be allowed with the support of modelling/allocation methodologies.

Additionally, if mirroring LCFS, then meter maintenance program compliance to meet state and federal requirements or industry standards should also be considered for MRR.

• What types of information could be provided to demonstrate accuracy/completeness of the proposed method?

Measurement, simulation and 3rd party verification all have a part to play for supporting the proposed methodology.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss these comments in more detail.

Sincerely,

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